

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1124

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Juanita Cutshall Perry of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Juanita Cutshall Perry; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Perry was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity as an Honorary Veterans Administration Volunteer Services Representative for a remarkable sixty-two years, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and Veterans alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perry commenced her service as a volunteer in 1946; the Tennessee Post Department President quickly recommended that indefinite "Honorary Status" be awarded to her for her outstanding service and dedication to all Veterans; and

WHEREAS, some of the older Veterans at the Mountain Home VA Hospital affectionately referred to Ms. Perry as Little Sweetheart of Mountain Home; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Perry held lifetime membership status in numerous other distinguished organizations, including the Military Order of the Purple Heart Post 224, which she served as president, secretary, and treasurer, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 2108; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perry rendered sterling service as a charter member of the American Business Woman's Association Post 1132, which she named the Franklin Chapter in 1963, and as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 24, which she served as president, secretary, and treasurer, as well as district president, state chaplain, and state poppy chairman; and

WHEREAS, she lent her time and talents to the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women's Club, the Women of the Moose Post 622, which she served as chaplain and chairman of Mooseheart of the Moose Lodge Auxiliary Post 622, and the Military Order of Ladies Auxiliary Post 9, which she served as auxiliary president, first district president, secretary, and treasurer for the Tennessee chapter; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Juanita Perry was presented with a distinguished Certificate of Award by the National Federation of Republican Women for her continued commitment to "Caring for America"; and

WHEREAS, a native of North Carolina, Juanita Perry was the daughter of B. Chester and Lavada Shelton Cutshall; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of Cherokee United Methodist Church, which she joined in 2003; prior to that, she had been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1969, serving as president, secretary, and treasurer of the Women's Bible Class; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Perry was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her daughter, Billie Jacqueline "Jackie" Stephens; sister, Wenona B. Cousins and her husband, Stanley E.; brother, Captain James J. Cutshall and his wife, Emmi H.; three grandchildren, Michael R. Snapp and his wife, Debbie, Terri Lynn Willis, and Scott R. Snapp, Sr., and his wife, Becky; six great-grandchildren, Joseph "Joe" Willis, Kelsey Snapp, Lacy Snapp, Scott Snapp, Jr., Lucas Snapp, and Dylan Snapp; two great-great-grandsons, Clayton Willis and Cameron Miller; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Perry was preceded in death by her husbands, Raymond D. Johnson, in 1947, and Balsom V. Perry, in 1968; her three brothers, Jack F. Cutshall and his wife, Annette, Lt. Edward N. Cutshall, and D. Blaine Cutshall and his wife, Billie Anne; a sister, Willie M. Graybeal and her husband, Laverne; and a great-granddaughter, Jamie Lynn Snapp; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Perry leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Juanita Cutshall Perry, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Perry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.